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1. Several eyewitnesses have reported that reinforced concrete defenses are being built in the Danube Delta, Ramnicu Sarat, and in the Carpathian regions with additional positions along the Sirat River, Bacau, and Roman regions. This is a continuation of the defense system reported from Bulgaria, where the first line of field defenses has been built parallel to the Turkish border. The second line, Burgas, Stara Planina covers the approaches to the Dobruja. The Danube - Black Sea Canal can also serve as a defense line protecting the approaches to the Danube Delta, and the newly reported defenses in Rumania would complete this system of protecting the approaches to the Soviet Union from the Balkans.
2. Deportations of the former bourgeoisie from Bucharest began in February on the Hungarian pattern. Considerable intensification of paramilitary training has also been reported. All students are now having two to three hour military lectures, or training, daily, usually in the afternoon.
3. It seems that while preparing for aggressive operations in a western direction (Germany, Austria) the Soviet Command is taking all precautions to protect its southern flank.

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